

**RESOLVED****GOD**

Week of January 6, 2019

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**RESOLVED: GOD IS FIRST IN MY LIFE.**

**In every aspect of my life, God comes first. His Word is my only authority. His Son is my only Salvation. His glory is my greatest desire. I give him the first of my every opportunity.**

Answer the following questions for yourself and your family. If you are in a Community Group, answer the questions for your group. If you are brave enough, ask some others to answer the questions for you!

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